

News and Activities from the Tidewater Region—Antique Automobile Club of America

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2017 ODMA Meet Final Planning Meeting & Tour of Jim & Donna Elliott's Garage Saturday, February 18, 2017

The Old Dominion Meet Association (ODMA) 2017 Meet is being hosted by the TRAACA on Friday-Saturday, April 21-22, 2017 at the Founders Inn & Spa in Virginia Beach, VA. The final planning meeting is being held on Saturday, February 18, 2017 at Jim & Donna Elliott's garage at 100 Redoubt Road in Yorktown. Reps from the ODMA regions across Virginia will be attending this meeting.

We'll start the day with lunch at 12 PM, followed by a short ODMA business meeting. After the meeting, you'll have the opportunity to leisurely peruse Jim & Donna's great antique auto collection.

You can order a box lunch from Arby's for \$8.00/each consisting of your choice of sandwich (Roast Turkey or Roast Beef) or salad (Roast Turkey Farmhouse Salad or Crispy Chicken Farmhouse Salad). Each lunch comes with a cookie, chips, and drinks (pop, tea, or water). Skip Patnode will send the lunch order info via e-mail; please respond with your orders by

February 11th so Donna can have your lunch ready for you when you arrive.

For those unfamiliar with ODMA, it is a non-geographic region of the AACA, consisting of AACA regions from across Virginia. Each year one of the Virginia regions hosts an annual meet for ODMA. This year the TRAACA is hosting the meet. Planning meetings give the other ODMA regions the opportunity to obtain info about the meet & local area and take that info back to their individual regions.

Please come to the Elliotts' garage in Yorktown on Saturday, February 18th. This event will be a great way to learn more about ODMA, visit a wonderful car collection, show support for the TRAACA, and enjoy lunch with fellow AACA members. If you can attend, please e-mail Skip Patnode at skippatnode@cox.net by February 11th with your number attending and choice(s) of lunch. Come in your antique vehicle or come modern-either way it will be a fun day!



The TRAACA's 2017 Board of Directors was installed at the region's Annual Awards Banquet on January 21st. Read the story on Pages 4-5.



TRAACA **CALENDAR**

Check local.aaca.org/tidewater for the latest info on upcoming events!

FEBRUARY 2017

- TRAACA Board Meeting 6:30 PM (Wednesday) Holiday Inn-Norfolk, VA
- **TRAACA Dinner Meeting** Holiday Inn-Norfolk, VA
- 2017 ODMA Meet Final **Planning Meeting and Tour** of the Elliott's Garage Yorktown, VA

MARCH 2017

- TRAACA Board Meeting 6:30 PM (Tuesday) Holiday Inn-Norfolk, VA
- **TRAACA Swap Meet Military Aviation Museum** Virginia Beach, VA
- **TRAACA Dinner Meeting** Holiday Inn-Norfolk, VA
- **Tour of Abacus Racing** Virginia Beach, VA

APRIL 2017

- TRAACA Board Meeting 6:30 PM (Wednesday) Holiday Inn-Norfolk, VA
- TRAACA Tour of the Museum of the Albemarle Elizabeth City, NC
- **TRAACA Dinner Meeting** Holiday Inn-Norfolk, VA
- 21- ODMA 64th Annual Meet
- 22 Virginia Beach, VA

- TRAACA Board Meeting 6:30 PM (Tuesday) Holiday Inn-Norfolk, VA
- 6 **TRAACA Square Car Tour** (route to be determined)
- 18 **TRAACA Dinner Meeting** Holiday Inn-Norfolk, VA

From the Driver's Seat

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I still can't believe that I am lucky enough to be the TRAACA's new president. I am truly honored and humbled by the privilege. I promise to do my best to represent our club well and to continue our long-established tradition of having fun.

I want to thank Jim Villers for his outstanding service to the club, not just as our President for the last two years, but also for his time at Vice President and Treasurer. Additionally, Jim does a lot behind the scenes that I think many member aren't aware of because he does it quietly and without seeking recognition for his efforts. Jim runs our membership program, he handles the printing, mailing, and e-mail distribution of *The Mudflap* every month, maintains the ODMA website, and schleps the club computer and projector to every dinner meeting. Whenever something needs to be done, Jim takes it on as evidenced by everything he does at our Annual Swap Meet and Annual Meet.

I also want to thank Jim for his leadership of the club over the last two years, his mentorship of me, and his friendship. I look forward to taking advantage of his sage advice over the next two years in his role as President Emeritus.

I also thank the 2016 Board for all their efforts on behalf of the club over the past year. In particular, I want to recognize the members who, in addition to Jim Villers, just rotated off the Board: Wes Neal (President Emeritus), my wife Marion (Treasurer), and Skip Patnode. I also thank Julie Hobbs, who started the year as Secretary but resigned for personal reasons.

As I said in my remarks at our Annual Awards Banquet on Saturday, 21 January, while I know the position of president carries a lot of responsibilities, I don't carry the weight alone. I'm fortunate to have a lot of support on which I can rely.

First, we have 17 living TRAACA Past Presidents. I know I can ask them for advice and support. They've each "been there and done that"—there's nothing I'm going to confront in my role as president that they haven't experienced.

I also have my fellow Board Members—Matt Doscher (our new Vice President), Charlie Dawson (our new Treasurer), Vickie Doscher (our new Secretary), Jerry Adams, Wayne Milligan, Hilary Pavlidis, and Bill Treadwell. Each of them brings energy and great ideas to the Board and our club.

We have a great Activities Committee this year: Matt Doscher, Marion McAlpine, and Wayne Milligan. If you doubt me, check out the 2017 Activities Calendar on Pg. 17 to see the great activities they've planned for the year.

I also have you—all my fellow members—to rely on. There's a lot of experience, great people, and cool cars in our club. You are why the TRAACA is recognized as one of the most active and fun regions in the AACA.

And most importantly, I have my wife Marion—the love of my life—to support me (and smack me when I'm about to do something stupid). I think the club made a mistake when it choose me to be president this year. (I can hear many of you shouting in agreement.) Marion would've been the better pick.

Again, thank you for the honor of being able to serve as president. I can't tell you how proud I am when people ask me which region I'm from and I get to say "Tidewater."

To quote Jim Villers: "let's have fun" this year.

TRAACA February Dinner Meeting Thursday, February 16, 2017

This month's dinner meeting is at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport, 1570 N. Military Hwy, Norfolk, VA 23502. Social hour begins at 6:00 PM and dinner is at 7:00 PM. Dinner will be Chicken Parmesan, Virginia sliced ham, house salad, roasted baby red potatoes, vegetable medley, and chef's choice of dessert. Our guest speaker is Ms. Heather Moore, Executive Director of the Ferry Plantation House, who will give a presentation about Ferry Plantation, the Hanging Tree, and the true story of "the Witch of Pungo."

Please remember that if you sign up for a club dinner, you are committed to paying for it whether or not you attend. Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation.

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We have changed how we contact members to obtain their RSVPs for the monthly dinner meeting. To cut down on the work load, you will now be contacted via e-mail. (Members without e-mail will continue to be contacted by phone.) Please respond to Skip Patnode's monthly e-mail by the requested date and let him know whether or not you will be attending (yes or no) and how many will be attending. It is critical that you respond to these e-mails so we can let the hotel know how many people will be attending & they can prepare enough food. Thank you for your cooperation!

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From the Running Board

Jan 3, 2017 TRAACA Board Meeting Minutes (final approved copy can be obtained from Secretary)

Officers present: Jim Villers (President), Mark McAlpine (Vice President), and Marion McAlpine (Treasurer). Board members present: Jerry Adams, Wayne Milligan, Skip Patnode, and Bill Treadwell. Members present: Wes Neal (President Emeritus), Hilary Pavlidis (incoming Board member), and Linda Treadwell.

Quorum: Board Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM.

President: Raised issue of dates of 2017 Board Meetings. Board discussed and decided to keep current schedule of meeting monthly at 6:30 PM on alternating Tuesdays and Wednesdays (to deconflict with Tidewater MG Classics club meeting schedule.) Board decided at the December 2016 meeting to keep our monthly dinner meetings at the Holiday Inn.

Vice President: Mark said that after the Board Induction on Jan 21st he would send the 2017 Board members a list of things he would like the new Board to consider accomplishing in 2017 and asked them to come prepared to discuss the ideas at the first meting of the new Board on Wed, 1 Feb, and bring their own suggestions.

Treasurer's Report: Marion provided the Treasurer's report. 14 of 16 *Mudflap* ads have renewed so far for 2017. Of the remaining 2, one said the check was mailed on 2 Jan and Marion will pick up the other this week. Board discussed the cost & ratio of ads-to-content in *The Mudflap*, and decided to maintain current rates & ratio.

Secretary's Report: Matt was unable to attend due to illness, but the December Board Meeting Minutes were approved via e-mail and published in the January issue of *The Mudflap*.

Activities Committee:

- Fri, 27 Jan: Tidewater Classical Guitar Society guitar concert at the Hixon Theater in Norfolk, VA
- Wes Neal suggested the Activities Committee look at adding the Tidewater Winds Holiday Concert to the club's activities calendar.
- 2017 Activities Calendar will be in February *Mudflap*.
- Hilary asked if club will be doing any joint activities with the HVPR. Marion said yes. Point made that club would appreciate HVPR continue inviting TRAACA to some of its events.

Call Tree: Skip said e-mail reservations for dinner meetings continues to work well. Emphasized need for members to ensure he has their correct e-mail addresses.

Restaurants:

- Saturday, 21 Jan: Annual Awards Banquet at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport. Cost is \$40/person, but Board voted to subsidize meal so cost is only \$25 for members. (Skip motioned, Marion seconded. Vote unanimous.)
- Jim said he would send 2017 dinner meeting & Board meeting dates to Terri Scott at the Holiday Inn and ask for a draft 2017 contract. Board agreed to hold all monthly dinner meetings at Holiday Inn except the December Holiday Brunch and to skip the April Dinner Meeting because of the ODMA Meet that week.

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Membership: As of January 2, 2017, 124 members have renewed (78%; 48 remaining). Jim received three more today, so total now 127.

2016 Awards:

- Jim will contact Bob Parrish and Terry Bond to request list of TRAACA National Award winners for inclusion in the club's Annual Awards Banquet program.
- Board discussed and selected winners of Merritt Horne and Restoration Awards. Other nominees possibly still coming in for the Restoration Award.

2017 ODMA Meet: Meet is being hosted by TRAACA on 21-22 April 2017 at the Founders Inn. Fourth deposit of \$1,000 made 30 Dec. Fifth deposit due 20 Jan. Final planning meeting on Sat, Feb 18, at Jim & Donna Elliott's garage in Yorktown.

2017 Swap Meet: Terry Bond has draft contract from Military Aviation Museum and will forward it to Jim tonight. Facility cost remains the same this year. Terry finalizing flyer/registration form and hope to forward for review by end of week. Club will post it on website, mail it to past participants, and print for advertising. Terry asked for assistance with publicity. Mark will send to Hemmings, Virginian Pilot, VPCCC, and CCCHR. Andrew Sitar working with CCCHR and Sinclair Comms on other possible promotion.

• Unfinished Business: None.

• New Business: None.

Other Business: Jim noted this is his last meeting as club president, thanked all the Board members for their efforts, and recognized this is also the last meeting for Wes, Marion, and Skip. Jim replaces Wes as President Emeritus, and Charlie Dawson (new Treasurer), Vickie Doscher (new Secretary), and Hilary Pavlidis join the Board.

Having no other business, motion made by Skip to adjourn and seconded by Marion. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

The next TRAACA Board Meeting is scheduled for Wed, 1 February, 6:30 PM, at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport.

Respectfully submitted, Mark McAlpine, Vice President



TRAACA Annual Awards Banquet Saturday, January 21, 2017

Story by Marion McAlpine. Photos by Marion McAlpine and Bob Stein.

On January 21, 2017, the TRAACA held its 62nd Annual Awards Banquet and Board Installation Ceremony. This year the event was held at the Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport. The yearly event tends to be popular with the TRAACA members and is usually very well attended. This year continued the tradition with almost 70 people registering for the festivities. While members socialized before dinner, they were entertained with a slideshow highlighting the TRAACA's activities and events in 2016.

Dinner was delicious, with entrees of a roast beef carving station, Chicken Marsala, and citrus salmon with orange glaze. Members enjoyed the potato "martini bar"—assembling mashed white potatoes or mashed sweet potatoes and their choice of multiple toppings in a martini glass. To finish the meal there were cheesecake with strawberry topping and tiramisu for dessert. The club subsidized \$15.00/person of the meal to keep the cost to the members at \$25.00/person.

After dinner, TRAACA President Jim Villers began the presentation of the annual awards. Jim presented some of the awards, while others were presented by the trophy sponsors. There were some surprised and happy recipients, such as Bill Wilcox, who received the Lalique Award; Mickey & Toni McChesney, who received the Merritt Horne Participation Award; Skip Patnode, who received the President's Award; and Bob Pellerin, who received the Spark Plug Award

and Bob Tellerin, who received the Spain Trag Aware

(L-R) Bill Wilcox, Ken Talley, and Dewey Milligan



(L-R) Bob Stein, Marion McAlpine, and John Heimerl

(laughingly stating, "what did I do?"). The TRAACA's newest award, the Duryea Award, which recognizes members for their contributions to the national club, was presented to Bob Parrish, the current and soon-to-be retiring AACA National President. (A complete list of awards & recipients is on Page 17.)

During this annual event, the newly elected TRAACA Board of Directors takes its oath of office. The Board members generally serve in their positions for two years. This year three members were replaced: Marion McAlpine—Treasurer, Skip Patnode—Board Member, and Jim Villers—President. Julie Hobbs, who resigned as Secretary earlier in the year for personal reasons was also recognized.

Bob Parrish, with help from Jim Elliott (TRAACA member and a National AACA Director) installed the 2017 TRAACA Officers and Board. When Bob introduced each Board member, Jim handed them a large piece of puzzle which they placed onto a board. When complete, the puzzle was the TRAACA logo. The idea is that each member of the board represents a piece of the puzzle. Each piece (member) is needed to make the puzzle (board) complete. The new TRAACA Board officers are: Mark McAlpine—President; Matt Doscher—Vice President; Charlie Dawson—Treasurer; Vickie Doscher—Secretary; and Board Members Jerry Adams, Wayne Milligan, Hilary Pavlidis, and Bill Treadwell.



(L-R) Holly Forrester, Maxine Milligan, Dot Parrish, and Toni McChesney socializing before dinner



Terry Bond, Hilary Pavlidis, Dennis Hennessey, and Jack Pavlidis



Sandy & Charlie Dawson fresh off the plane from Barrett-Jackson



(L-R at table) Dana Meadons, Travis & Kim Berry, and Frank Lagana



Skip Patnode receives the President's Award from Jim Villers



(L-R) Fred Cole, Bill Blair, Jimmy Flanders, Don Beale, and Scott Hancox enjoying dinner and good conversation



(L-R) Mickey & Toni McChesney receive the Merritt Horne Participation Award from Richard Hall



(L-R) Bob Pellerin presents the Lalique Award to Bill Wilcox



(L-R) TRAACA Vice President Mark McAlpine watches as Bob Pellerin receives the Spark Plug Award from Terry Bond



(L-R) Bob Parrish receives the club's inaugural presentation of the Duryea Award from TRAACA President Jim Villers



TRAACA Winter Fun Run Saturday, January 28, 2017

Story by Matt Doscher. Photos by Matt Doscher and Bob Stein.

Thirty-five TRAACA members and their friends and family met on Saturday, January 28th, for an impromptu "fun run" out to Pungo Pizza for lunch. advantage of the nice Saturday weather, which we haven't had much of recently, and enjoyed a leisurely drive through the country backroads of Chesapeake and Virginia Beach. Despite the seasonably cool January weather, we had a good representation of both pre-war and post-war vehicles. TRAACA members participating included David & Faye Curl in their 1931 Ford Model A; Dana & Debbie Meadows in their 1937 Chrysler Imperial with Debbie's cousin Dennis and his wife; Bob Stein in his 1937 Pontiac Deluxe with Frank Lagana and former member Dan Ciccone; Mickey McChesney in his 1940 Oldsmobile; Jere & Carol Avenson in their 1954 Packard Patrician; Jim Villers in his 1965 Porsche 356C; Neil & Marty Sugermeyer in their 1965 AMC Rambler Classic 770 convertible; Ken & Shirley Wecht in their 1965 Ford Mustang; Matt & Vickie Doscher in their 1965 Mercury Comet convertible with Kaylan Adams; Skip Patnode in his 1967 Alfa Romeo Duetto; Ken Talley in his 1970 Cadillac convertible with Bill Wilcox (Barbara Talley joined them for lunch); Terry Bond in his 1974 MGB-GT; Bob & Dot Parrish in their 1978 Ford Thunderbird; Carol Norton in her 1979 Cadillac; Fred Cole in his 1984 Buick



A bundled-up Vickie Doscher gives instructions to the group



(L-R) Marty Sugermeyer and Carol Avenson

Riviera; Tyler Gimbert in his Corvette; Sam Kern driving modern with Bill Treadwell; Richard & Sandy Hall driving in their modern, "retro" Ford Thunderbird; and last (literally), but not least, and ensuring no one was left behind, was Jerry Adams also driving modern. Everyone enjoyed the drive, and we had several people wave at us as our group drove by. The run was topped off with a wonderful lunch at Pungo Pizza. Our impromptu "fun run" looks to be the start of a great year of activities for the TRAACA.



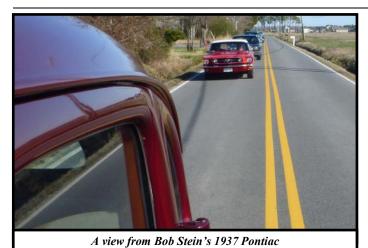
The Avensons' 1954 Packard Patrician 4-dr sedan & the Doschers' 1965 Mercury Comet convertible



TRAACA members gather in preparation for the "fun run"



(L-R) The Halls' retro Ford Thunderbird & the Meadows' 1937 Chrysler Imperial



TRAACA antique vehicles fill the parking lot at Pungo Pizza



It wouldn't be a TRAACA activity without food somehow involved





The Sugermeyers arriving at Pungo Pizza in their 1965 Rambler



(L-R) The Avensons, Sugermeyers, and Skip Patnode



(L-R) Sandy Hall and Dot Parrish enjoying a laugh



The pizza never stood a chance



AACA Reliability Tour Savannah, GA



November 5-11, 2016

Story by Bob Parrish. Photos by Dot Parrish.

The 2016 AACA Reliability Tour was held on November 5-11 in and around Savannah, GA. It was hosted by the Savannah Region, and open to the Horseless Carriage Club of America members as well. This was the last AACA national activity of the year.

The tour began on Saturday with a pre-tour event at the Hilton Head Island Concours d'Elegance in South Carolina. The Hilton Head Island Concours was spectacular with beautiful cars from all ages. Bob & Linda Pellerin's 1937 Volvo PV51 was on display at the show. The 59 vehicles registered for the AACA Reliability Tour were given a special display area so the public could view the 100-year-old cars.

The actual tour began on Monday, November 7th, and Dot & I were invited to ride in a different car each day of the tour. This day would take us to the National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force and a tour of the Container Port of Savannah. We rode in a 1914 Pierce Arrow touring car driven by the Tour Chairman, Ralph Tolman.

Tuesday was the longest day, over 90 miles total, and we rode in style in a 1912 EMF touring car owned by Betty & Joe Swann of Wrightsville, PA. We visited Gregorie Neck Plantation, a 5,000-acre plantation in Ridgeland, SC, owned by Robert Jepson, an AACA



Bob & Linda Pellerin's 1937 Volvo PV51 at Hilton Head



1919 Pierce-Arrow 66 originally owned by Fatty Arbuckle

member, who opened his personal collection of some very rare and beautiful cars. We saw several outstanding cars including a 1919 Pierce Arrow 66 A-4 Tourer, originally built for Fatty Arbuckle, the silent film movie star. There was also a 1925 Locomobile Model 48 convertible sedan, with a custom body by Derham (built for J.P. Morgan of Wall Street fame) and many other fine vehicles.

Wednesday was a guided trolley tour of Savannah's Historic District (the largest in the country). After the tour, we rode trolleys all day anywhere we wanted to go.

On Thursday we rode with Alice & Morris Cameron, our friends from the Richmond Region, in their 1913 Ford Model T touring car. We visited Tybee Island and the local lighthouse there.

Some of the other available attractions included a visit to the Savannah Museum, a tour of the Georgia State Railroad Museum, a tour of Fort Jackson (built in 1808), a visit to the Savannah Wildlife Refuge, tours of Wormsloe Plantation and Bonaventure Cemetery (where famous singer, song writer, and lyricist Johnny Mercer is buried). There was even a trip to a cookie factory.

The Reliability Tour was a wonderful tour of beautiful Savannah and the surrounding areas. The Savannah Region did a wonderful job and were gracious hosts.



The 2016 AACA Reliability Tour stops at Gregorie Neck Plantation



Robert & Alice Jepson's 1925 Locomobile Model 48



TRAACA Annual Swap Meet Saturday, March 11, 2017

It's time once again for our annual Swap Meet! We are returning this year to the Military Aviation Museum in Virginia Beach on Saturday, March 11th, for another great time. Help us welcome the old car season with this always fun chance to visit with old friends, buy or sell a few parts or things you need (or not), and enjoy the old car hobby together. We are expecting a large crowd again this year, and—in keeping with our philosophy—this is intended to be a fun event.

Many hands make for light work, so once again we're looking for folks to volunteer to help out for a bit during the day. We will need help first thing in the morning setting-up for the event and welcoming our vendors. Bob Hanbury and his Virginia Special Events team are taking care of the catering this year, but we need a few club members to help them serve hot dogs and drinks. If you can volunteer a little time during the lunch hour, please contact Swap Meet Chairman Terry Bond. We could also

use some help cleaning up at the end of the day—it won't take long if people help out.

If you would like to have a vendor booth to sell some stuff, you need to register *NOW*. The registration price goes up if you wait too long [\$5 more after March 3rd], plus the indoor spaces for vendors always sell out in pre-registration! The vendor registration form is available on the club website—www.traaca.com—or you can call Terry Bond if you need a form mailed to you.

Please call Terry if you can help with this year's Swap Meet. And don't forget to bring your spare cash that day so you can buy some goodies. Who knows who will be invited to write a special "guest" collecting column following the event!

Here are our Swap Meet points of contact:

Terry Bond—Chairman: <u>terryaaca@cox.net</u>, 482-5222. Neil Sugermeyer—Registration Chairman: <u>nsugermeyer@aol.com</u>, 486-5456.





Still Collecting Stuff —

Things from the Front of Your Car **By Terry Bond**

Back in the teens and twenties, when it came time to get rid of the old car, owners generally kept a couple of souvenirs—the radiator cap or hood ornament, and the flower vases from inside fancy sedans. We've already had a look at other types of hood ornaments, and those fancy flower vases are yet to come, but this month we're going to take a look at motometers. That's the temperature gauge that fits onto the radiator cap and reminds you when things get a little too hot. It's one of the most "saved" items ever intended for automotive use.



It all began in 1912. The Boyce MotoMeter Co. in Long Island, New York, was founded in 1912 by German immigrant Hermann Schlaich, who had been experimenting with various temperature recording devices. The president of the compawas George Townsend, whotogether with Har-Boyce—in rison 1913 successfully patented the first temperature

recording device for automobiles & built a company that dominated the market thanks to

several successful lawsuits against competitors.

Still there was a great variety of similar devices on the market, but nothing compared to the original, the Boyce, with its different styles to fit every budget and the ability to customize them with car and dealership names. It was pure marketing genius that created the ability to add different car maker's names and logos, or even fraternal organizations, to the faceplate of the MotoMeter. Many of them had dealers names on them, sort of a predecessor of those decals and name plates that come attached to the rear end of your new car. (I sure wish they could figure out how to get them on straight!) Oddly though, I've never seen any embellished with cartoon characters. If any exist, they would be rare indeed.

Motometers became obsolete when manufacturers began installing water temperature gauges in dashboards and radiator caps disappeared beneath the hoods. Boyce hung on as long as they could and continued to produce other products including spark plugs and other accessories.

Nothing was ever as successful their MotoMeter. however.

There were several types of MotoMeters made by Boyce. In the early years of the company, they marketed a small size known as the "Boyce Junior" and a larger size known the "Boyce Standard." In 1919 they released Deluxe model and, shortly after, the Universal type. Interchangable fancy laurel-wreath bezels and interchangability of faceplates helped

lock in the market. Boyce

1924

DESIGN H. H. BOYCE. 43,987. Patented May 13, 1913. Wm. 6. Dunn

The Boyce MotoMeter patent

introduced the art-deco looking "Radio Meter."

By 1934 Boyce Motometers had become obsolete, however their range of remote temperature sensing systems were still marketed. The photos accompanying this article show a variety of Boyce Motometers that were produced over the years as well as some of their competitors products.

As with all collectibles, condition is everything. MotoMeters in pristine condition with rare car names on them are the most valuable. The fancier the device, the higher the price. It now takes several hundred dollars to acquire rare and mint condition MotoMeters. Large deluxe versions with laurel wreath bezels and important car makers' names will be at the top of the scale. The Radio model is especially sought after and commands a good price, often in the \$200+ range depending on condition. Simple Standard or

Universal models without car names can be found for less than \$100 in the swap meet at Hershey. Broken items may be good parts donors. The glass lens, small screws and bezels can be used to repair rarer items. These devices can still occasionally be found in their original boxes in NOS condition. Of course the price for them can be much higher.

Many of MotoMeters you come across will be



A nice Hudson Super Six MotoMeter

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Large-size Deluxe Model MotoMeter NOS in original box

mounted on some kind of radiator cap. They are commonly mounted on after-market "dog-bone" style caps or with Eagle's wings. There were literally hundreds of different radiator caps designed to accommodate the MotoMeter and collecting them on their own can be a lot of fun. Be aware when contemplating a purchase—very few will be mounted on their correct original radiator caps.

Most MotoMeters suffer from common condition issues. The housings were made from pot metal. It cracks, swells, and disintegrates over time with poor handling and storage in damp conditions. The small celluloid covering over the window for the temperature indicator will yellow & discolor over time. Paint will peel and flake inside the glass, and the faceplates themselves will corrode.

Don't worry if the red fluid in the gauge is all the way to



A Boyce Radio Meter. They were quite popular in the 1920s, even more so today.

the top. It often happened during shipment when they were new. A small instruction sheet inside the box informed the purchaser that by knocking the device on the car's spare tire, the fluid would be returned eventually to its proper position in the thermometer.

Collectability of these has taken off in the past few years. I call them 'poor man's hood mascots." As the price of more decorative hood ornaments has collectors risen.

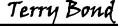
have turned to the MotoMeter.

An easy way to display them is mounted on a radiator cap and inserted into a nicely finished block of wood. EBay is a good source, but prices here are positively scary lately. I frequently see very common meters with absurd "buy it now" prices. It's obvious the seller has no idea of true value or scarcity of the item. I much prefer the treasure hunt at Hershey. I actually bought a nice one in an antique shop recently for \$40.

There are many varieties of radiator cap temperature gauges to be found. One of the most amazing pieces in my collection is this device that features a red cylinder that rises from the top of the cap as radiator temperature increases. The beautiful butterfly-like wings and small clasp on the front that looks like a small fire extinguisher are neat. It is NOS and the green enameling is completely original. I know of only a few other examples, this being the only NOS one that I've ever seen.

Be cautious, however; you can still purchase Boyce MotoMeters from Model A and T parts suppliers. They are quite inexpensive. You can also purchase car manufacturers discs to go in them. It's difficult to tell an older reproduction from a nice original without having a lot of experience handling the real thing. The best advice is to be cautious; and if it looks new, it just might be.

Happy collecting. Enjoy the treasure hunt—and the photographs.





Front and back of Aero-Meter radiator temperature gauge



Vintage "winged" Calormeter temperature gauge made in England





Rare, illuminated Gidelite "dogbone" cap

MotoMeter for Velie auto





Front & back views of Stewart-Warner "Warn-O-Meter. This was illuminated for nighttime use.



NOS "Easyfill" radiator cap designed for a MotoMeter



2017 ODMA Meet

Founders Inn & Spa, Virginia Beach, VA Friday-Saturday, April 21-22, 2017



Every year the Old Dominion Meet Association (ODMA) hosts an antique automobile show somewhere in the state of Virginia. (Thus, the name "The Old Dominion Meet.") The 2017 ODMA Meet is being hosted by us—the TRAACA. We are holding the Meet at the Founders Inn & Spa located at 5641 Indian River Rd, Virginia Beach, VA, on Friday-Saturday, April 21-22, 2017. The hotel & grounds are located on the campus of Regent University and are beautiful.

This year's meet features a special AACA Judging School (taught by Dain King, the AACA Judging School Instructor) and AACA Continuing Judges Education (CJE) classes on Friday afternoon. You will receive AACA judging credits for attending these classes if you judge at an AACA national meet sometime in 2017.

Check out the line-up of activities for the ODMA Meet:

Friday, 21 April 2017 (Starting ~12:00 PM):

- Pick-up Registration Packets and "Goody Bags" in hotel lobby
- Trailer Parking open
- AACA National Judging School
- AACA National CJE Seminars
- Evening Ice Cream Social (great time to socialize & peruse the Silent Auction items)
- Silent Auction (there will be great items for you to bid on)

Saturday, 22 April 2017 (Starting ~8:00 AM):

- Pick-up Registration Packets and "Goody Bags" on show field
- Trailer Parking open
- Silent Auction open
- Judges Meeting

- Owners Meeting
- Judging of Vehicles
- Preordered Box Lunches available (distribution tent on show field)
- Dinner Buffet Awards Banquet in ballroom of hotel

Special Features:

- Free trailer parking and the show field are both on the grounds of the Founders Inn
- The Founders Inn is a pet-friendly hotel with its own fenced dog park
- The hotel is offering great room rates of \$104.00/night for a queen bed or \$114.00/night for two double beds. And these rates are available from Thursday-Monday, April 20-24, 2017. (When you make your reservation, remember to tell them that you are attending the ODMA Meet.)
- The hotel has a restaurant, pub, spa, indoor pool and fitness facility
- The surrounding area has shopping, restaurants and of course the beach is not far away
- Box lunches can be preordered for Saturday (see registration form) or you can enjoy the hotel's lunch buffet

Please plan to bring your antique vehicles to the ODMA 2017 Meet, and hopefully volunteer a little of your time to help out. What a great opportunity to show off the Tidewater area and the great people in our region. Come out and help our friends (old and new) feel welcome. Remember, it won't be a car show without you! [The registration form is on the club website—www.traaca.com—and Page 15 of this issue of *The Mudflap*.]



2017 Judging Season Is Upon Us

By Herb Oakes AACA VP Judging

(Reprinted from the January 2017 AACA *The Judge* newsletter)



The 2017 judging season is just around the corner. It's time to go to work! We start the season at Ocala, FL, February 23 through 25; then Palm Springs, CA, March 23 through 26; then back to Charlotte, NC, April 6 through 9; then on to Auburn, IN, May 11 through 13; then over to Huntington, WV, May 26 through 27. Our Grand National will be held in Independence, MO, June 15 through 17; then up to Bettendorf, IA, from August 17 through 19; and finishing up the year in Hershey, PA, October 4 through 7. REMINDER: Register early and remember, we do NOT

extend judges registration deadlines.

Our judging program is strong and continuing to move forward. I would like to thank each and every one of you for your dedication.

We do still have some issues that we need to improve on regarding the marking of the judging sheets. Team Captains need to give me more detailed information about each judging deduction, so when a member asks for a readout of their judging sheets so they can make corrections with their vehicle to prepare it for the next meet, I can give them specifics.

For example, the engine judge informs the team captain that he has a deduction of minus 3 on engine oil pan. The first question the Team Captain should ask is "what's the 3 points for?" He/she can then make a note on the judging sheet—missing, wrong color, dented, etc. Without the information of what these deductions are for, I cannot help the member in taking care of the discrepancies. Team Captains, I need your help in correcting the issue.

Having said all the above, I can finally inform the judging community that some of the new judging sheets are now in service. These judging sheets have a place on the back side for Team Captains' comments. This will be much more efficient than trying to write on the front of the sheets. Also, the new worksheets are now in service. You will find them much easier to work with because every other line is shaded. Please make comments about your deductions on the back of your worksheets before passing them on to your Team Captain.

After nine years, my tenure as VP of Admin for 3 years and VP Judging for 6 years, has come to a close. In 2017, I hand over the reins to the Assistant VP Judging, Roger Irland.



Judging Guidelines Changes: Class 28a-d Becomes 21e-h

(Reprinted from the January 2017 AACA *The Judge* newsletter)

After numerous requests from members, we are moving these classes to 21 for a more consistent show field of Ford vehicles. The following changes will take place:

28a becomes **21e**—Ford Vehicles 4 cyl & V-8 1932-1934

28b becomes **21f**—Ford Vehicles 4 cyl & V-8 1935-1937

28c becomes 21g—V-8 Ford Vehicles 1938-1940

28d becomes **21h**—Ford Vehicles 6 cyl & V-8 1941-1948

We will be automatically moving all the cars that we currently have in our database to the appropriate class. Since we have over 1,000 cars that are affected, this is no small job and we will appreciate your attention to the class change when next showing your car. The change will be effective during 2017 and the *Judging Guidelines* will reflect the new categories.



AACA Calendar of Events

http:// www.aaca.org/Calendar/ aaca_calendar.html

FEBRUARY 2017

9-11 AACA Annual Meeting Philadelphia, PA

23-25 AACA Winter Meet Ocala, FL

MARCH 2017

23-26 AACA Western Spring Meet Palm Springs, CA

APRIL 2017

6-9 AACA SE Spring Meet Charlotte, NC

25-27 Western Division Tour Sonora, CA

MAY 2017

11-13 AACA Special Spring Meet Auburn, IN

26-27 AACA Eastern Spring Meet Huntington, WV

JUNE 2017

4-9 Founders Tour (1932-later) Gettysburg, PA

15-17 Annual Grand National Meet Independence, MO

AUGUST 2017

17-19 AACA Central Fall Meet Bettendorf, IA

SEPTEMBER 2017

17-22 Glidden Tour (AACA-hosted) Hastings, NE

OCTOBER 2017

4-7 AACA Eastern Fall Meet Hershey, PA

FEBRUARY 2018

8-10 AACA Annual Meeting Philadelphia, PA

APRIL 2018

5-8 AACA SE Spring Meet Charlotte, NC

MAY 2018

11-12 AACA Central Spring Meet Auburn, IN

18-20 AACA Eastern Spring Meet Cape Cod, MA

31- Annual Grand National Meet 3 Jun Greensburg, PA

JUNE 2018

3-8 Sentimental Tour Seward, NE

The Tidewater Region AACA invites you to our



ANNUAL SWAP MEET







Military Aviation Museum
1341 Princess Anne Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23457

Antique and Collectible vehicle parts, accessories, and transportation-related memorabilia

Indoor spaces: 10' x 10' - \$30 each before

March 3rd. \$35 after March 3rd.

(ONE table and two chairs provided per space.)

Outdoor spaces: 10' x 30' – \$25 each before March 3rd. \$30 after March 3rd.

(Bring your own tables and chairs.)

You must purchase enough spaces for all your stuff including trailers and tow vehicles.

Collector vehicles for sale must purchase an outdoor space.



CAR Clubs are invited to purchase a space to promote your club and special events.

INSIDE VENDOR SET-UP is available from 7 AM Saturday.

NOTE: Access to the swap meet is free. Individuals desiring access to the Military Aviation Museum will need to pay the normal Museum admission fee. If you wish to be co-located with other vendors, please send reservations in together in advance.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION STRONGLY ENCOURAGED CHECK OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.TRAACA.COM OFTEN FOR ANY IMPORTANT UPDATES

This event is for the sale of antique and collector vehicle parts, equipment, supplies, accessories, or related memorabilia only. It is not a general "flea market" and we do not wish to have crafts, household items, unrelated toys, clothing, equipment, supplies or services displayed. If you have any questions, ask before you arrive. Event organizers reserve the right to refuse admittance to any vendor selling, displaying or offering any items not in keeping with the theme or family-oriented nature of this activity.

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 3rd

For information contact:



Neil Sugermeyer, Registration Chairman 757-486-5456 Terry Bond, Swap Meet Chairman 757-482-5222

Or visit our club website:

www.traaca.com



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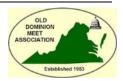


Saturday Box Lunch (circle choices):

Caesar Salad

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Welcomes You to the 64th Old Dominion Meet



Friday-Saturday, 21-22 April 2017

Location: The Founders Inn, 5641 Indian River Rd, Virginia Beach, VA
****** Preregistration required. Registrations must be postmarked by 8 April. ******

AACA Region: Name: City:_____ State:___ Zip:____ Address:_____ Telephone: () ______ AACA Member #: E-mail address: All displayed vehicles must have a visible, fully-charged, operable, UL-approved fire extinguisher. VEHICLE #1—Make: Model: Year: AACA Class: Circle award sought: ODMA ODMA ODMA ODMA ODMA DO NOT Junior Senior Preservation HPOF DPC JUDGE VEHICLE #2—Make: Model: Year: AACA Class: _____ Circle award sought: ODMA ODMA ODMA ODMA ODMA DO NOT Junior Senior Preservation HPOF DPC JUDGE Please add any additional vehicles you wish to enter on another form and staple it to this sheet. I would like to help judge at the ODMA Meet. PREFERRED CLASS:

ANY CLASS: I agree that the Tidewater Region AACA, Old Dominion Meet Association, The Founders Inn, named sponsors, and directors, officers, employees, volunteers, and agents of the above will not be held liable for any injury or damage incurred by the listed vehicle(s) entered in the show before, during, or after the Old Dominion Meet on April 21-22, 2017. I agree to abide by all guidelines of this show as outlined on this form and provided at the show. I further certify that I carry the required Liability Damage Insurance on the listed show vehicle(s) and my trailer(s) and tow vehicle(s) for the state in which they're registered. SIGNATURE: DATE: _____ @ \$20.00 each = ____ **Number of Vehicles Registered:** Trailer Parking (Trailer Length: _____ @ Free = _____ @ \$10.00 each = ____ Friday Night Ice Cream Social tickets:

Saturday Night Awards Banquet Buffet tickets: ______ @ \$40.00 each = _____ Please make checks payable to "TRAACA" Total enclosed = _____

(Each box lunch includes your choice of salad or sandwich, potato chips, cookie, apple, and choice of soft drink or bottled water.)

Roast Beef Sandwich

Ham Sandwich

_____ @ \$20.00 each =

Turkey Sandwich

For more info, see the ODMA website (www.odma.aaca.com) or call Meet Co-Chairs—Mark & Marion McAlpine—at (757) 967-0074 or Registration Co-Chairs Richard & Sandy Hall at (757) 482-2821



TRAACA 2017 Activities Calendar



MONTH	DATE(S)	ACTIVITY & LOCATION
JANUARY	3	TRAACA Board Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
	21	TRAACA Annual Awards Banquet & Board Installation Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
	27	Tidewater Classical Guitar Society Guitar Concert Robert Hixon Theater Norfolk, VA
FEBRUARY	1	TRAACA Board Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
	16	TRAACA Dinner Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
	18	2017 ODMA Meet Final Planning Meeting and Tour of Jim & Donna Elliott's Garage Yorktown, VA
MARCH	7	TRAACA Board Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
	11	TRAACA <i>Annual Swap Meet</i> Military Aviation Museum Virginia Beach, VA
	16	TRAACA St. Patrick's Day Dinner Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
	18	Tour of Abacus Racing Virginia Beach, VA
APRIL	5	TRAACA Board Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
	15	TRAACA Tour of the Museum of the Albemarle Elizabeth City, NC
	20	TRAACA Dinner Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
	21-22	ODMA 64th Annual Meet Virginia Beach, VA
MAY	2	TRAACA Board Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
	6	TRAACA Square Car Tour (route to be determined—TBD)
	18	TRAACA Dinner Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
	20	TRAACA Local Tour, dinner, and theater "Grease" (Joint TRAACA & HVPRAACA Activity) Smithfield, VA
JUNE	7	TRAACA Board Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport
	10	TRAACA Norfolk Harbor Lunch Cruise Norfolk, VA
	24-25	TRAACA Local Driving Tour to Richmond, VA

MONTH	DATE(S)	ACTIVITY & LOCATION	
JULY	8	TRAACA Tour of Chesapeake	
		Bay Foundation's Brock Environmental Center	
		Virginia Beach, VA	
	11	TRAACA Board Meeting	
		Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport	
	20	TRAACA Dinner Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport	
	22	TRAACA Route 17 Antique	
		Store Crawl (Joint TRAACA & HVPRAACA Activity)	
AUGUST	2	TRAACA Board Meeting	
	12	Holiday Inn—Norfolk, VA	
	12	TRAACA Ice Cream Social Doumar's Barbecue	
		Norfolk, VA	
	17	TRAACA Dinner Meeting	
		Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport	
	19	Norfolk Tides Baseball Game Norfolk, VA	
SEPTEMBE	R 5	TRAACA Board Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk, VA	
	21	TRAACA Dinner Meeting	
		Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport	
	23	TRAACA 44th Annual Meet	
		Military Aviation Museum Virginia Beach, VA	
OCTOBER	11	TRAACA Board Meeting	
OCTOBER	11	Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport	
		(tentative date because of AACA	
	10	Hershey Meet on 4-7 October)	
	19	TRAACA Dinner Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport	
	28	TRAACA Chili Cook-Off	
		Chesapeake, VA	
NOVEMBER	₹ 4	TRAACA Movie Night	
	_	Portsmouth, VA	
	7	TRAACA Board Meeting Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport	
	16	TRAACA Dinner Meeting and	
		Annual Silent Auction	
DECEMBER		Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport	
DECEMBER	R 5	TRAACA Holiday Lights Tour Norfolk Botanical Garden	
		Norfolk, VA	
	6	TRAACA Board Meeting	
	10	Holiday Inn—Norfolk Airport	
	10	TRAACA Holiday Party Brunch Princess Anne Country Club	
		Virginia Beach, VA	
A round of applause to our Activities Committee—Matt			
		lpine, and Wayne Milligan—for	
coming up with such fun and interesting activities for us to enjoy this year!			
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TRAACA MEMBERS' PAGE



Members celebrating birthdays in February



Thomas Allan
Susan Bond
John Gancel
Iven Godwin
Jane Godwin
Dennis Hennessey

Joyce Howard
Tim Hund
Al Mercer
Hilary Pavlidis
Alexander Nazaruk
Linda Pellerin

Members celebrating anniversaries in February

Curtis & Sheryl Cook John & Marie Gancel Alan & Margie Ives Dennis & Carla Anne Sobota Bob & Ginger Watson

Sunshine Report

Condolences are extended to the following members who recently lost love ones:

- Murray Goodwin's significant other, "Kath" Kelly, passed away on Thursday, 12 January. She was 66.
- Kathy Kellam's husband, **Perry Kellam**, passed away on Sunday, 22 January. He was 92.

Our thoughts & prayers go out to the following members:

- **Dewey Milligan** was bitten by a dog on January 15th while showing his Model A Ford to prospective buyers. His injuries were minor & he's doing fine (and he sold the car).
- Jo Ann Saiya is recovering from esophageal surgery she had in New York on January 26th.

Please provide updates on the health of TRAACA members to Vickie Doscher at 672-3755 or vlw78@hotmail.com.



2017 marks Bob & JoAnn Green's 25th year of membership in the TRAACA. TRAACA President Jim Villers recognized the Greens at the region's Annual Awards Banquet on Saturday, January 21st, but they were unable to attend, so former AACA & TRAACA President Terry Bond personally presented their silver 25-year Member name tags to them at their home on Sunday, January 29th. Jeff & Pat Locke, also 25-plus-year members, attended the informal presentation ceremony. Jeff & Pat worked closely with then-new members Bob & JoAnn to prepare a meal to welcome the 1993 Great Race participants to Waterside in Norfolk to end their cross-country run and the two couples have been fast friends ever since. The old car hobby, and especially the AACA, brings people together to form long-lasting friendships. Congratulations, Bob & JoAnn Green!



TRAACA 2016 Annual Award Winners



• Bartlett Bowl: Jim Elliott

• Beaulieu Cup: Jim Elliott (1903 Cadillac)

• Century Award: Mark Gresalfi (1917 Metz)

Andy Ott (1917 Ford Coupelet Andy Ott (1917 Studebaker Tourer)

• Century Participation: Jim & Donna Elliott (1903 Cadillac)

• Duryea Award: Bob Parrish

• Restoration Award:

- John Heimerl (1970 AMC AMX)

- Jim Villers (1950 Willys CJ-3A "Jeep")

• Overland Award: Jim Elliott (1903 Cadillac)

• Hard Luck Award: Sam Kern

Honorable Mentions: Chris Hunt & Charlie Daniels

Terry & Susan Bond

• Ivie-Lister Award: Terry & Susan Bond

• Lalique Award: Bill Wilcox

• Merritt Horne Participation Award: Mickey & Toni

McChesney

• Mudflap Newsletter Award: Terry Bond and Bob Stein

President's Award: Skip Patnode
Spark Plug Award: Bob Pellerin

25-yr TRAACA Member name tags were presented to:

- Robert F. & Jo Ann Green

Special plaques were presented to the departing TRAACA Board members for their service to the club:

- Marion McAlpine for her term as Board Treasurer

- Skip Patnode for his term as Board member

The following TRAACA members were recognized for being named recipients of AACA National Awards, which they will receive at the AACA's Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA, in February:

- Holly Forrester will receive an AACA Special Award for her work as the Program Coordinator for the AACA Military Sponsorship Program.
- Tim Hund will receive an AACA National Award for his 1932 Auburn 8-100A Phaeton.
- Marion & Mark McAlpine will receive an AACA Master Editor Award for the region's newsletter.
- Bob Stein will receive an AACA Master Webmaster Award (his 17th in a row!) for the region's website.



TRAACA

Annual Swap Meet

Saturday, March 11, 2017

Military Aviation Museum 1341 Princess Anne Road Virginia Beach, VA 23457

Free Swap Meet admission & parking for spectators.
(Admission to museum not included.)

Indoor and outdoor vendor spaces available. Registration forms and more information available by mid-January at club website: www.traaca.com.



Virginia Chevy Lovers 13th Annual



Spring Dust Off Car Show

Saturday, April 1, 2017

(Rain date is Saturday, April 8, 2017) Registration: 8:30-11:30 AM / Awards at 3:00 PM

Landstown Commons Shopping Center Virginia Beach, VA

> Preregistration: \$20 / Day of Show: \$25 Open to all makes and models

See VCL website for registration form: www.virginiachevylovers.org

Proceeds to benefit Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

For more info contact John Herbert at (757) 421-0749 or blkpwdrfrm@cox.net



Saturday, April 22, 2017 (rain or shine) 9:00 AM—2:00 PM

Chickahominy Riverfront Park 1350 John Tyler Hwy (Rt 5), Williamsburg, VA

Pre-Registration: \$20 (must be received by April 8) Late Registration & Day of Show: \$25

This year's featured marque: MGC and MGC-GT

Door prizes, 50/50 raffle, and food vendors

Portion of proceeds to benefit local Hospice

See Williamsburg British Car Club website for information & registration form: http://www.wmbgbrit.com

For more info contact Roy Gavilan at (757) 637-5902



DOWN THE ROAD

Other Regional and Local Events

MARCH 2017

24-25 Sugarloaf Mtn Region AACA Indoor/Outdoor Swap Meet



APRIL 2017

- 1 13th Annual Virginia Chevy Lovers Spring Dust Off Virginia Beach, VA
- 6-9 Southeastern Spring Meet Charlotte AutoFair Charlotte, NC
- 22 18th Annual British and European Car Show Williamsburg, VA
- 19-23 Spring Carlisle Carlisle, PA
- 21-22 64th ODMA Meet Founders Inn & Spa Virginia Beach, VA
- 28-30 Goodguys Rod & Custom 3rd North Carolina Nationals Raleigh, NC
- 30 Piedmont Region AACA 43rd Annual Carfest Charlottesville, VA

MAY 2017

- 7 7th Annual LCpl Cody Childers All Wheels Show Virginia Beach, VA
- 27 Twin County Region AACA 24th Annual "Memories on Main Street" Car Show Galax. VA

JUNE 2017

- 2-4 Carlisle Ford Nationals Carlisle, PA
- 23-25 Carlisle Chevrolet Nationals Carlisle, PA

JULY 2017

- 14-16 Carlisle Chrysler Nationals Carlisle. PA
- 14 Collector Car Appreciation
 Day Car Show
 Daniels Performance Group
 Smithfield, VA
- 15 Collector Car Appreciation Day Car Show Gloucester, VA

Car season is almost upon us. Finish your projects & get your vehicles ready for the upcoming 2017 AACA & ODMA Meets!



EDITOR'S DESK

Marion & Mark McAlpine mmmcalpine05@msn.com / (757) 967-0074

This will be my first attempt at writing an Editor's Note. It was much easier to edit Mark's messages each month, but I guess it is time to for me to quit being a slacker. So here goes . . .

We are now into the second month of 2017. February brings many thoughts to peoples' minds. Maybe you are thinking about Valentine's Day and how you can celebrate the holiday. Maybe you are one of the many people who are looking forward to a three-day weekend for the upcoming President's Day holiday. You could be a Super Bowl fan (whether of the game or the commercials) and are planning a Super Bowl party. But what about a February antique car event? I am glad you asked. I have two suggestions for you: one local and one not.

If you are looking for something fun to do and are up for a road trip, consider going to the AACA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA, on February 9-11. There are great seminars to attend, local and national friends to catch up with, sites in Philly to explore and, of course, several great restaurants to enjoy.

This year's Annual Meeting will be a very special one for the TRAACA for several reasons. First, Terry Bond, Linda Pellerin, Tony Scarpelli, and Bob Stein are each presenting seminars. Second, several TRAACA members are receiving national awards. (See the list on Page 17 of this issue of *The Mudflap*). Most importantly, fellow

TRAACA members Bob & Dot Parrish will be completing their reign as AACA National President and First Lady. Bob & Dot will be replaced by Tom & Tammy Cox, also TRAACA members, as AACA National President and First Lady. This has never happened in AACA history. We are surely in for an exciting First Lady's Breakfast and Annual Awards Banquet this year.

For the local event, I hope we will have a great turn out for the 2017 ODMA Meet Planning Meeting and tour of Jim & Donna Elliott's garage on February 18th. You will find the information about this event on the cover of this issue of *The Mudflap*. Whether you have been to Elliotts' garage before or not, you need to come to this event—Jim & Donna's hospitality are second to none. (Plus, you'll get to see their new acquisitions.)

So, there are several opportunities to have some fun in February. Don't let the winter weather keep you from getting out of the house and enjoying these great old car events. (You can stay home for the Super Bowl and other events, if you like.) And don't forget to remember your sweetie on Valentine's Day!

Marion McAlpine



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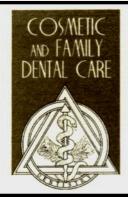
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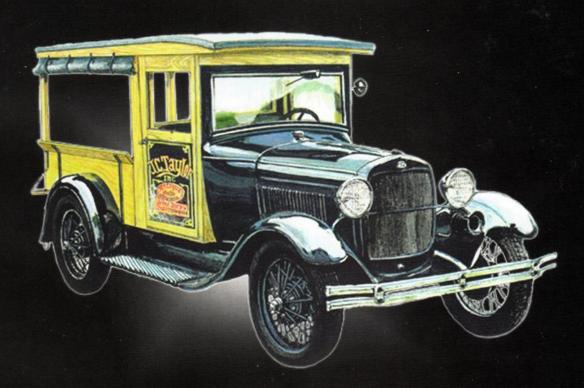
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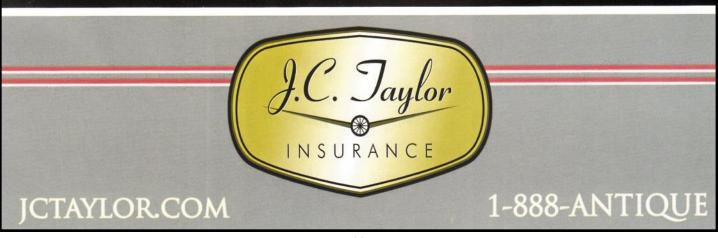
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